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DOT-E 12481

EXPIRATION DATE: August 31, 2002

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Trac Regulator Company, Inc.  
Mt. Vernon, New York
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
  - a. This exemption authorizes the transportation in commerce of certain non-DOT specification packagings, described as actuators, charged with limited quantities of various hazardous materials. The actuators are transported separately or as part of a valve assembly. This exemption provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein.
  - b. The safety analyses performed in development of this exemption only considered the hazards and risks associated with transportation in commerce. The safety analyses did not consider the hazards and risks associated with consumer use, use as a component of a transport vehicle or other device, or other uses not associated with transportation in commerce.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR §§ 173.150, 173.153, and 173.306(a) in that the gross weight of the valve assembly containing the actuator exceeds the 66 pound limitation; § 173.306(a)(1) in that the largest actuator exceeds the 4 ounce limit; and § 173.322 in that the actuator is not an authorized packaging except as described herein.

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5. BASIS: This exemption is based on the application of Trac Regulator Company dated June 1, 2000 submitted in accordance with § 107.105 and the public proceeding thereon.
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Proper Shipping Name/ Hazardous Materials Description	Hazard Class/ Division	Identi- fication Number	Packing Group
Acetone	3	UN1090	II
Butane	2.1	UN1011	N/A
Dichloromethane	6.1	UN1593	III
Ethyl chloride	2.1	UN1037	N/A
Ethyl ether	3	UN1155	I
Isobutane	2.1	UN1969	N/A
Methanol	3	UN1230	II
Pentanes	3	UN1265	I

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Packaging prescribed is a hermetically sealed metal actuator that opens or closes a valve assembly in response to temperature changes. The actuator contains no greater than 0.5 liters of hazardous material. The actuator is filled at atmospheric pressure with all materials in the liquid state. The actuator is shipped either separately or as part of the valve assembly. The total weight of the valve assembly is over 80 pounds. The actuator and valve assembly must be in conformance with the drawings and specifications submitted with Trac Regulatory Company Incorporated's application on file with the Office of Hazardous Materials Exemptions and approvals.

b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS -

(1) Shipments are excepted from the requirements of subpart E (labeling) of part 172 of 49 CFR except when offered for transportation or transported by air.

(2) Shipments are excepted from the requirements of subpart F (placarding) of part 172 of 49 CFR.

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(3) Individual actuators, when shipped separately from the valve assembly, must be shipped in strong outside packaging.

(4) Each outside packaging containing an actuator or valve assembly must be marked "DOT-E 12481" as specified in § 172.301(c).

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. A person who is not a holder of this exemption who receives a package covered by this exemption may reoffer it for transportation provided no modifications or change are made to the package and it is reoffered for transportation in conformance with this exemption and the HMR.

b. A current copy of this exemption must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.

9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight, and cargo aircraft only.

10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this exemption must be carried aboard each aircraft used to transport packages covered by this exemption. The shipper must furnish a copy of this exemption to the air carrier before or at the time the shipment is tendered.

11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this exemption and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq:

o All terms and conditions prescribed in this exemption and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.

o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this exemption must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this exemption in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this exemption, including display of its number, when this exemption has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: The carrier is required to report any incident involving loss of packaging contents or packaging failure to the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety (AAHMS) as soon as practicable. (Sections 171.15 and 171.16 apply to any activity undertaken under the authority of this exemption.) In addition, the holder(s) of this exemption must inform the AAHMS, in writing, of any incident involving the package and shipments made under the terms of this exemption.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:



Robert A. McGuire  
Acting Associate Administrator for  
Hazardous Materials Safety

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Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590.  
Attention: DHM-31.

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